

**CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS OPEN
SPACE PRESERVATION ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NUMBER ONE**

MINUTES

of the

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I. Call to Order.

The special meeting of the Citizens Oversight Committee Meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation District Number One was called to order by the Chair, Melvin J. Remba, at 7:18 p.m. on March 12, 2008 at the Sooky Goldman Nature Center in Franklin Canyon Park, 2600 Franklin Canyon Drive, Beverly Hills, California, 90210.

II. Roll Call.

The roll was called and the following members were present: Cassandra Barrere; Beth Dymond; Orrin Feldman; Carol Sidlow; Joan Luchs; Karen Brooks; Michelle Fleenor; and Melvin J. Remba, Chair. Quorum was present. Ginny Kruger was absent.

Roberta Cummings and Pam Cooke arrived subsequent to roll call.

Staff present: Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning; Jeff Maloney, Staff Counsel; and Tammy Lee, Board Secretary.

Public members present: Sonia Kwon, Patricia Bell Hearst, Kevin Connor, Joanna Conner, John Pogue, and Neil Norman.

III. Election of Officers.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Staff Counsel.

On the motion of the Chair, duly seconded, the Chair was re-elected as Chair.

On the motion of Ms. Fleenor, duly seconded, Pam Cooke was re-elected as Vice Chair.

IV. Approval of minutes from meeting of October 10, 2007.

On motion of Mr. Feldman, duly seconded, the minutes from the meeting of October

10, 2007, with spelling corrections, was adopted by Ms. Barrere, Ms. Fleenor, Ms. Dymond, Mr. Feldman, Mr. Remba, Ms. Sidlow, and Ms. Brooks. Ms. Luchs voted against the adoption of the minutes from the meeting of April 24, 2007

[Roberta Cummings arrived at 7:27 p.m.]

V. Chairperson's Report.

Comments were made by the Chair.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Brooks.

Comments were made by the Chair and Mr. Feldman.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Staff Counsel, the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, and Ms. Barrere.

[Pam Cooke arrived at 7:30 p.m.]

VI. Public testimony on all agenda items and public comment on matters not on the agenda. Public testimony will also be taken before each public hearing item.

No comments were made.

VII. Reports from staff:

(a) Status report on District One activities and account balances;

The Citizens' Oversight Committee received a verbal report from the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Cooke.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Cummings.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Luchs, Ms. Barrere, and Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Luchs.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, the Chair, Ms. Sidlow, and Ms. Barrere.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Norman.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Cooke.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Kwon.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Fleenor.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Cummings.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning and Ms. Barrere.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Staff Counsel, the Chief of Natural Resources and

Planning, the Chair, and Mr. Feldman.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Cooke.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Staff Counsel and Mr. Feldman.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Staff Counsel, Mr. Feldman, and the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Brooks.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning and Staff Counsel.

(b) Update on Laurel Canyon and Mulholland Drive (southwest corner) acquisition;

The Citizens' Oversight Committee received a verbal report from the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Sidlow.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, Ms. Barrere, and the Chair.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Norman.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, Ms. Barrere, the Chair, and Mr. Feldman.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Barrere, Mr. Feldman, Ms. Kwon, the Chair, and Ms. Dymond.

(c) Update on acquisition of surplus City properties in Council District 5, Beverly Glen;

The Citizens' Oversight Committee received a verbal report from the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Cooke.

Comments were made by Mr. Feldman, the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, and Ms. Kwon.

Questions were propounded by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Comments were made by Ms. Dymond, Ms. Brooks, and the Chair.

VIII. Discussion regarding donations of fee simple and conservation easement interests in real property to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

The Citizens' Oversight Committee received a verbal report from Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Staff Counsel, the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, Mr. Feldman, the Chair, and Ms. Hearst.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, Staff Counsel, and the Chair.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Barrere.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, and Staff

Counsel.

Questions were propounded by the Chair and Mr. Feldman.

Comments were made by Staff Counsel, Mr. Feldman, and Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Staff Counsel, Mr. Feldman, Mr. Norman, and the Chair.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, Mr. Feldman, and Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, Mr. Pogue, the Chair, Ms. Brooks, Ms. Cummings, and Mr. Norman.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Dymond.

Comments were made by Mr. Norman.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Hearst.

Comments were made by Mr. Norman.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Mr. Norman, Mr. Pogue, the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, Staff Counsel, Ms. Barrere, and Mr. Feldman.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, Mr. Feldman, the Chair, and Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Brooks.

Comments were made by Mr. Norman, Ms. Barrere, and Mr. Pogue.

IX. Discussion and possible action requesting that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority post signs on acquired properties purchased with Assessment District funds.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, Mr. Norman, Ms. Dymond, the Chair, and Ms. Luchs.

X. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority add APNs 4380-028-006; 4371-038-009; and 4371-027-011 and 018, in Acquisition Area B (Beverly Glen), to the District No. 1 Engineer's Report and determining that the expenditure of Assessment District funds to acquire said properties is consistent with the criteria and requirements established in the said amended report.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

On the motion of Ms. Luchs, duly seconded, Resolution No. 08-01 was unanimously adopted.

XI. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Mr. and Mrs. Connor.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Sidlow.

Comments were made by Mr. Connor and Mr. Feldman.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Luchs.

Comments were made by Mr. Feldman, the Chair, Ms. Sidlow, Ms. Luchs, and Mr. Norman.

XII. Statements, questions, or directions to staff pursuant to Government Code §54954.2(a) which states the following:

"No action or discussion shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except that members of a legislative body or its staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their public testimony rights under Section 54954.3. In addition, on their own initiative or in response to questions posed by the public, a member of a legislative body or its staff may ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement, or make a brief report on his or her own activities. Furthermore, a member of a legislative body, or the body itself, subject to rules or procedures of the legislative body, may provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, request staff to report back to the body at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter, or take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda."

No comments were made.

X. Announcement of next meeting and adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Paul Edelman
Chief of Natural Resources and Planning

Approved: 

Melvin J. Remba
Chair